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# SUPERMONSTER 12

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## IN THIS ONE:

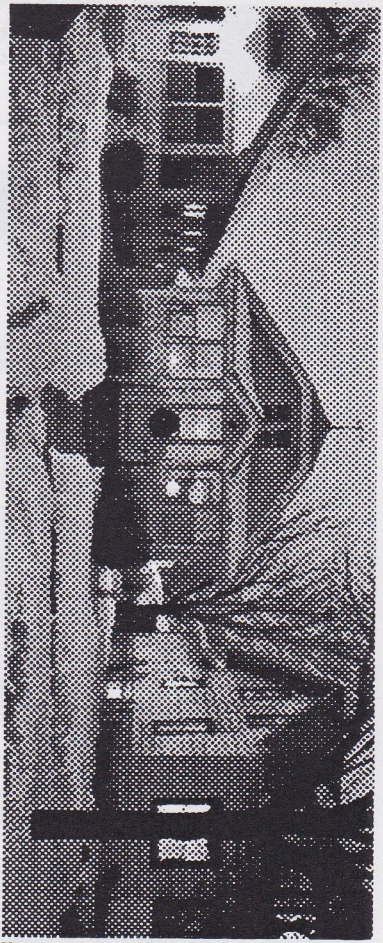
1.Diary 2.Elegy 3.Library
4.Nature Documentary
plus: Filler

**READINGS:**

1. The Practical Encyclopedia of Good Decorating and Home Improvement Vol. 1. A-Ame (MCMLXX)
2. Life and its Marvels (1960) by the International Graphic Society
3. The How and Why Wonder Book of Rockets and Missiles (1969) by Clayton Knight
4. Becoming a Person (1970) by the Becoming a Person Program
5. Boys, Beauty, & Popularity Featuring Alyssa Milano (1986) by Bop magazine
6. The Story of Lumber (1964) by American Forest Products Industries, Inc.
7. Shadowland (1919-the theater magazine)

**REF.**

- Pigeon from Sof' Boy 2 by A. Prewitt
- Animals, Mammals, Birds, Fish & Insects by Jim Harter
- Cover inspiration from the illustrations of Jean-Ignace-Isadore Grandeville
- Previously: Issue 9 tiger and last pine drawing are based on Korean paintings. The cover is from a Korean pillow design.

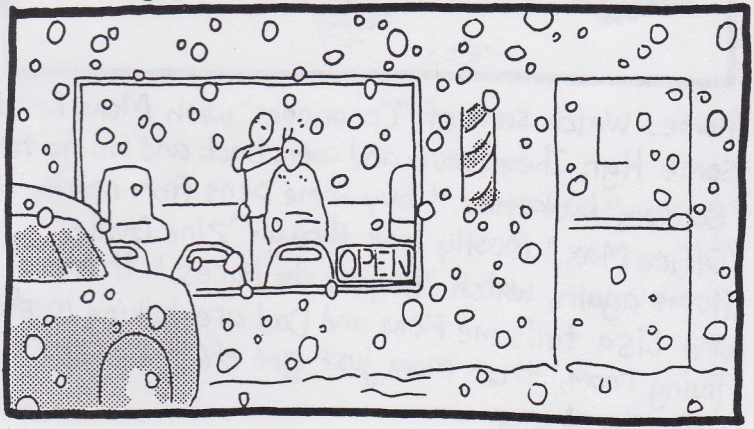


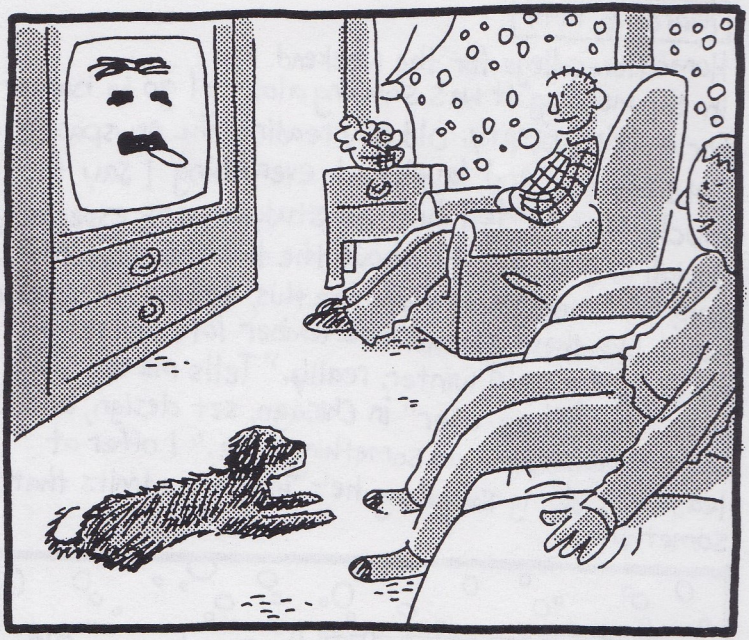
**Thanks Mom, Dad, Lisa and Doug and everyone. Dedicated to the memory of Trixie, my good dog 1984-1999**

Coffee and carrots for breakfast
bird chirping outside window
Pleasantly
"Crunch"
Suck on graham cracker (low fat) it melts
Frzz kkhhhh
Clean up on aisle four
The Seasons
The Clarinet
KH2000

March 6, 1999

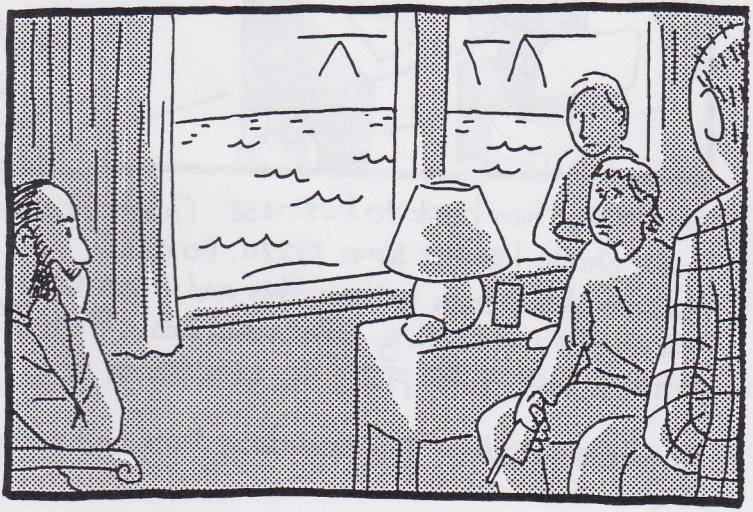
Home from college for the weekend.
In the morning it was snowing a lot-- I go to barber for a trim. Empty, old guy reading the newspaper. Cuts my hair and laughs at everything I say too much. When I tell him I'm studying art, especially Jovial, in good spirits about the thick snowstorm, says, "A lot of people don't like this, tell me I'm crazy, but I like these storms. I remember lots worse -- we've had a mild winter, really." Tells me his son's into the "thee-ater" in Chicago, set design, and says, "I wish he'd do something else." I offer at least he's doing something he's into. He admits thats something.

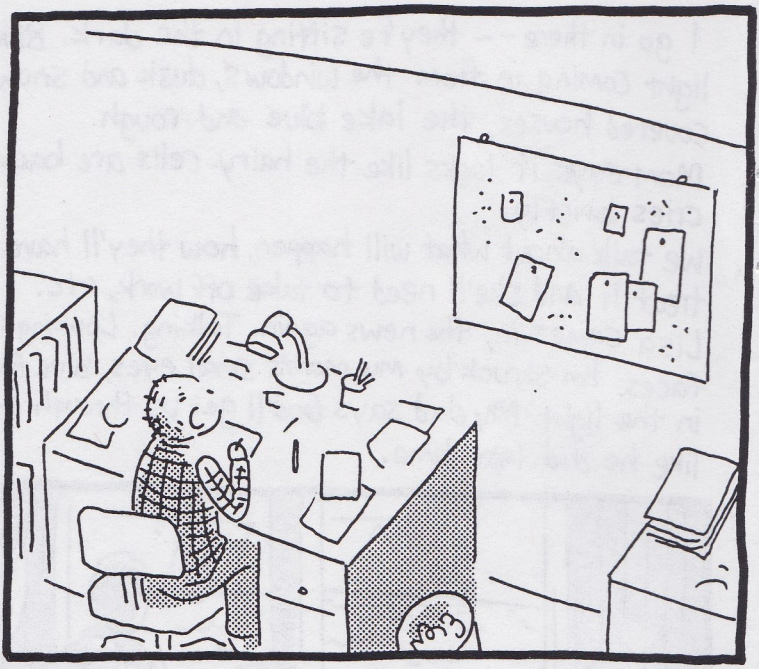




Home. Watch some of "Cocoanuts" with Mom. Read some Hgr. They leave and come back and we go to "Borders" bookstore. I buy some pens from nearby "Office Max." Mostly look through "Zine Guide." Home again, watch "Day at the Races." It ends and Lisa tells me Mom and Dad are talking in the living room, that Mom just got off the phone with the doctor.

I go in there -- they're sitting in the dark. Blue light coming in from the windows, dusk and snow covered houses, the lake blue and rough.
Mom says it looks like the hairy-cells are back, cries briefly.
We talk about what will happen, how they'll have to treat it and she'll need to take off work, etc.
Lisa comes in, the news again. Talking. Looking at faces. I'm struck by my mom's small eyes, blue face in the light. My dad says God'll get us through it like he did last time.





A pause, then back to business. Cancel vacations. I say should I go get some pizza. Go pee. Now I'm downstairs writing this and I can hear voices thru the ceiling, joking and okay. Pretty soon gotta go pick up the pizza, see cute Italian girls.

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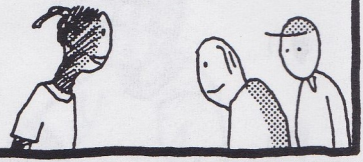
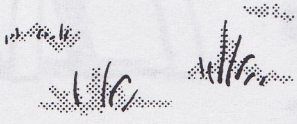
Then we watched "The Negotiator," me and Mom, and Dad fell asleep.

One summer evening, soon after I moved into the new place, I saw my neighbors walking slowly up and down their driveway for about an hour. The man supported his wife, and she took tiny steps.

Then a young girl came across the street on her bike to say hello, and the three went up and down together.



The man's name was Al. He was 86, but still mowed his lawn, his shirt off, skin golden brown. He and Gertrude had lived in their house for forty years.



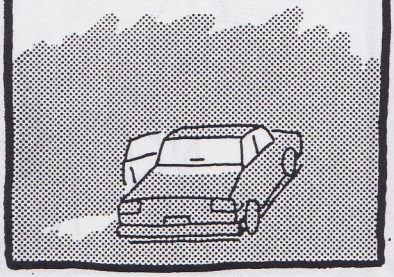
Gertrude had arthritis so bad she barely ever left the house

Al was doing pretty good till one day he blacked out and stumbled

He had been shot down in the Pacific theater and nursed back to health by cannibals

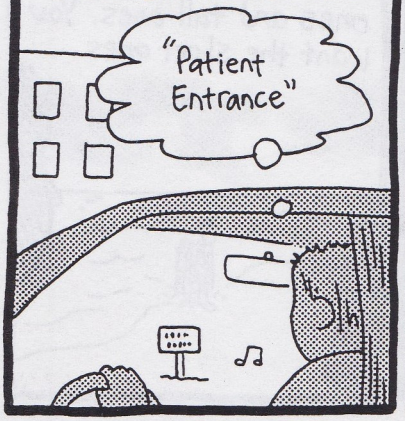
They told him in training there's 2 kinds, short ones and tall ones. You want the short ones.

One morning his car needed a jump because the door had been left open all night



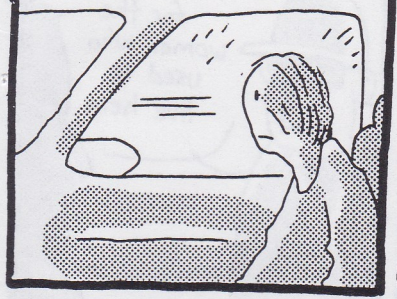
He lost hair from the radiation and swayed on his feet

I picked Gertrude up once after she visited him

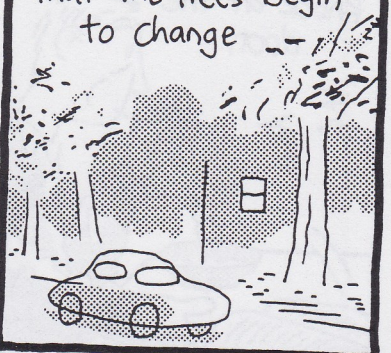



She told me on the way back

"I looked at the calendar and it was October 26"

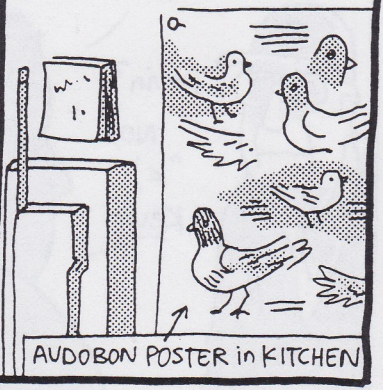


We were talking about when exactly it was that the trees begin to change



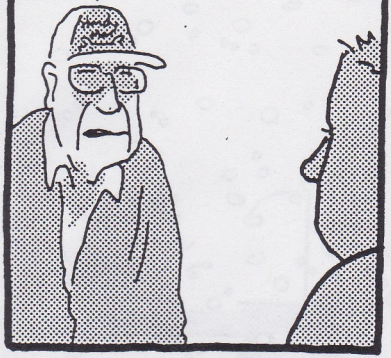
She held my arm as we walked from the car to the kitchen — very, very slowly

Their home was full of pictures of birds



While I'm eating supper one night, there's a knock at the door.
A neighbor asks me if I know how Al is doing
I painted this house years ago for the woman who used to live here
He asks my name.
Kevin
Devin?
No, "K," Kevin
He's been retired 22 years.
I worked 2 extra years until they kicked me out. Then they hired 2 men to do my job

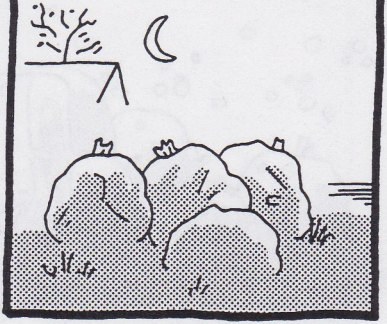
His hat said "Handy Man" but he seemed to have no eyes



The last time I saw Al, he was watching a skateboard competition on TV. He pointed and said "Isn't that amazing!" and "This all has been good for me — it's given me time to think about things."

There were ups and downs, but one day Gertrude told my roommate that they've stopped treating her husband, that they'll soon move into a home

And so, there got to be more and more bags on their curb the night before garbage day



Until one night,
the mattress
was out there
and they were
gone

**How to liberate your living room**

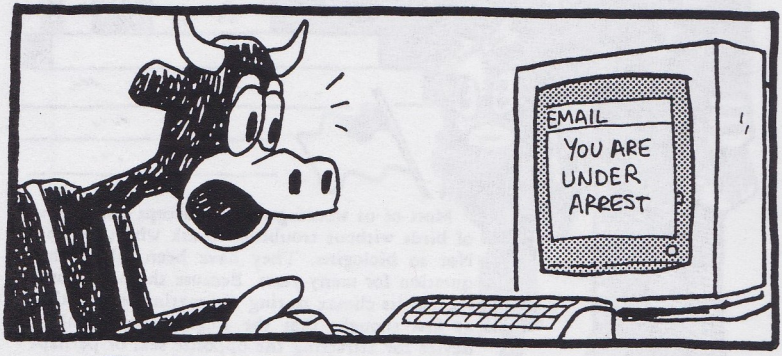
On the whole, most people lean to less than formal entertaining. A room with carefree, rugged materials puts guests at ease, especially when food is served. Then, a spill is no longer a tragedy. The liberation of the living room means children and parents can entertain simultaneously.

Most of us would gratefully accept the singing of birds without troubling to ask why they sing. Not so biologists. They have been asking that question for many years. Because the bird-chorus reaches its climax during the mating season, they at first thought that the singing was mainly a device for attracting the opposite sex, or perhaps merely the adult bird's expression of the sheer joy of living. Many now believe, however, that birds' songs frequently sound a note of warning and defiance.

Boys, boys, boys. Let's face it, gals—few of us think of much else. It stands to reason that when you're a member of the female persuasion, you have guys on your mind most of the time!

The teen years are an especially exciting time because many girls develop crushes or fall in love for the first time during this period of their lives. And almost everyone, including Hollywood's hottest celebs, agrees that love is exciting, passionate and yes, sometimes painful.

Alyssa Milano admits that when it comes to how a guy is on the outside, just about any type can win her heart. Boys who've made her heart go pitter-patter have ranged from shy to extremely outgoing, and very casual to ultra-stylish.




Since the birth of this nation in 1776, the lumber industry has produced an estimated 3,000 billion *board feet* of lumber. This is enough to build 57 million urban homes, 13 million farm houses, 2 million schools and libraries, 720,000 churches, and 500,000 factories.

HIDDEN deep below the ground in concrete silos, intercontinental missiles stand ready for qu'ck firing in the case of attack. Within an underground labyrinth, the missile battery control center has computers, fueling facilities, and supply and living quarters. When the alarm is sounded, concrete trap doors open and the missiles are brought above ground, their aim and range data already set. The Launch Officer can fire them singly or in salvos.










So, you should be discerning in what you watch, what you listen to, and in what you read. Do not accept a disc jockey's evaluation of a hit—see if it says anything *to* you, or *for* you. Then think whether that is what you really believe or feel. Figure out whether it corresponds to what you have experienced or learned.

# Fulfilment

(*Continued from page 29*)

"The older two who went before went to a superficial life. And they became as their surroundings. We do, you know."

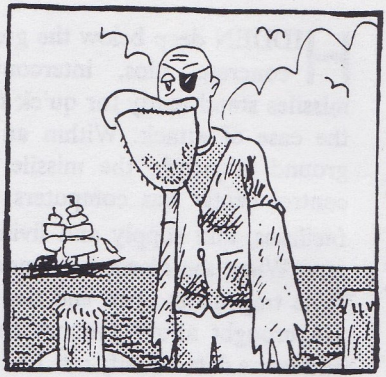
"Do you think love worth the great sacrifice or do you think, as your good father-in-law thought in the play, that there is entirely too much ado made over love?"

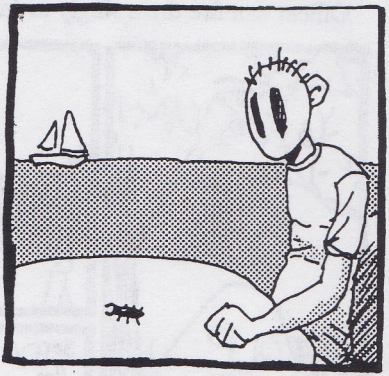
"It depends upon you," she told us very definitely. "If you wish above all else, material things — great wealth — then you cannot always have love. Otherwise, it is great even among great things. It must be. Life is dull and meaningless without it. When you have love, the trees seem greener and the sun more golden."

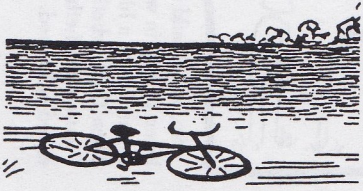
In retrospect we see her as a serious young person with a humor which bubbles spontaneously—someone who is seeking—seeking. We see golden hair in ringlets about her head and neck and the bluest eyes. And somehow we remember two girls in England of a generation gone by——

"What do you wish for most?" we asked her.

And she answered: "To play Portia!"







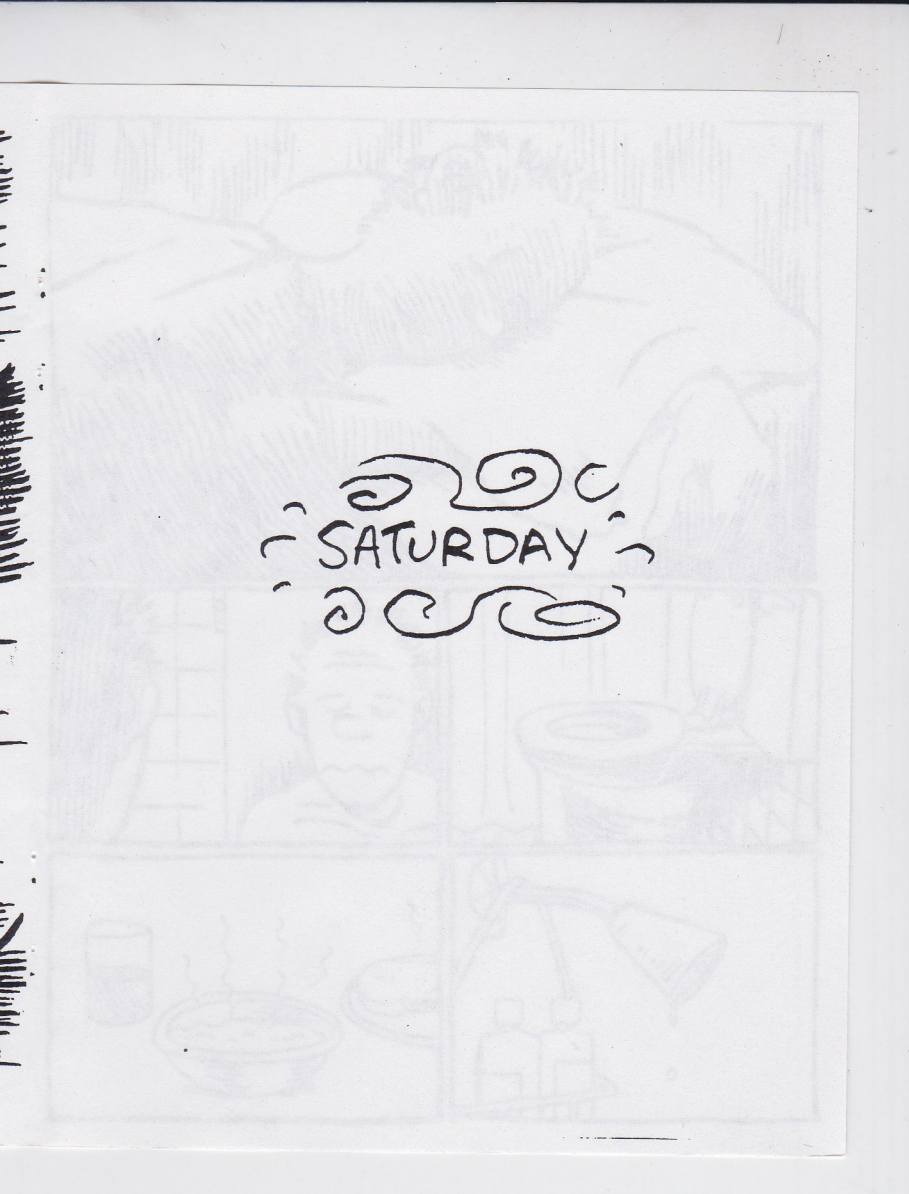

## Also starch and acids

**Another tooth enemy is starch. It also clings to teeth, and in fermenting it forms acids.**

**To fight it Nature puts a starch digestant in saliva. She also puts alkalis there to neutralize the acids.**

**Pepsodent multiplies the salivary flow. It multiplies the starch digestant in the saliva. It multiplies the alkalis. Thus these teeth protecting forces, twice a day, are much increased.**

SUPERMONSTER
motor oil
presents:
The Wild Kingdom
with:
Glenn Ganges
CARPET
CALL 92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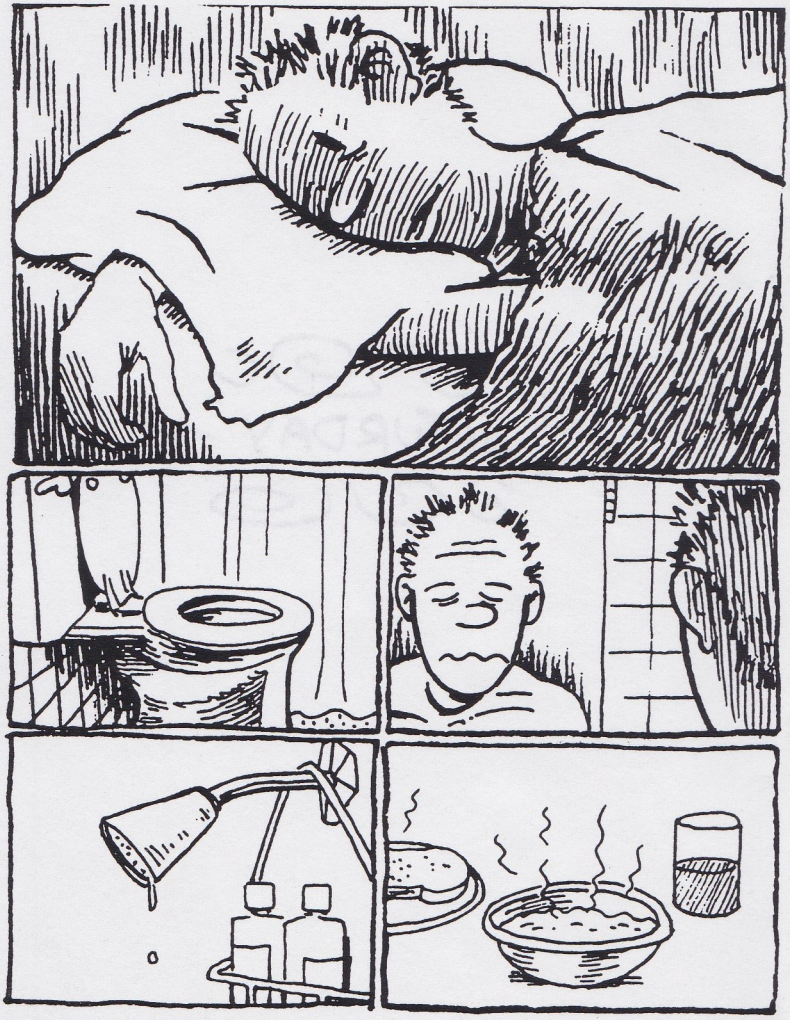

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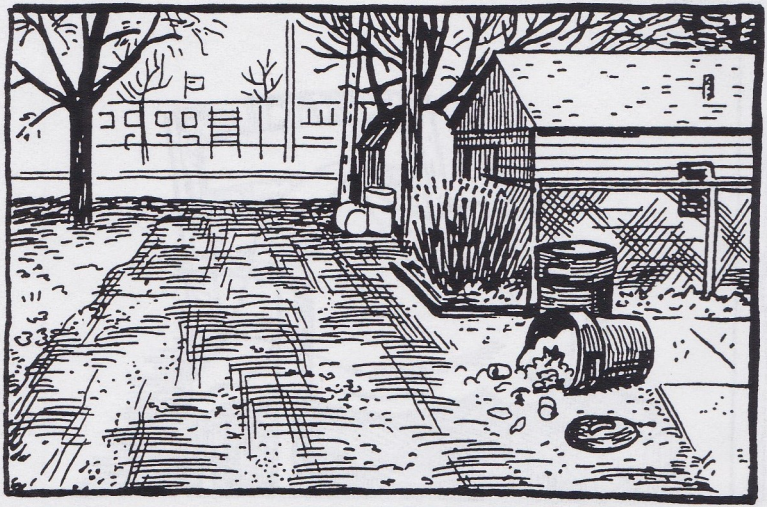

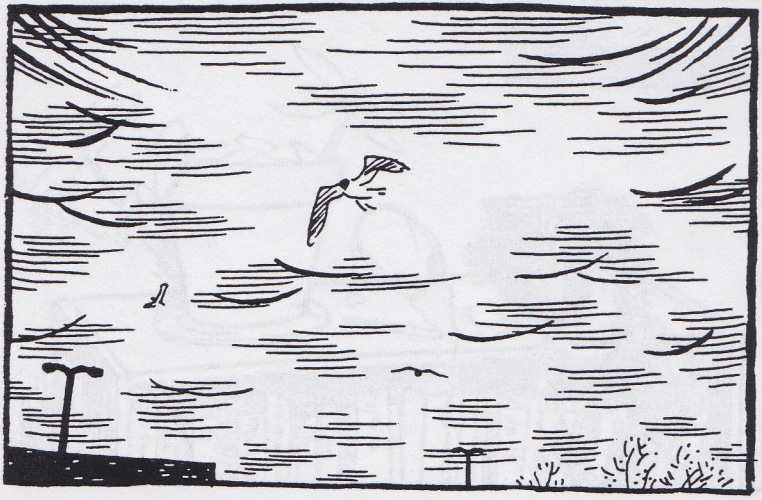

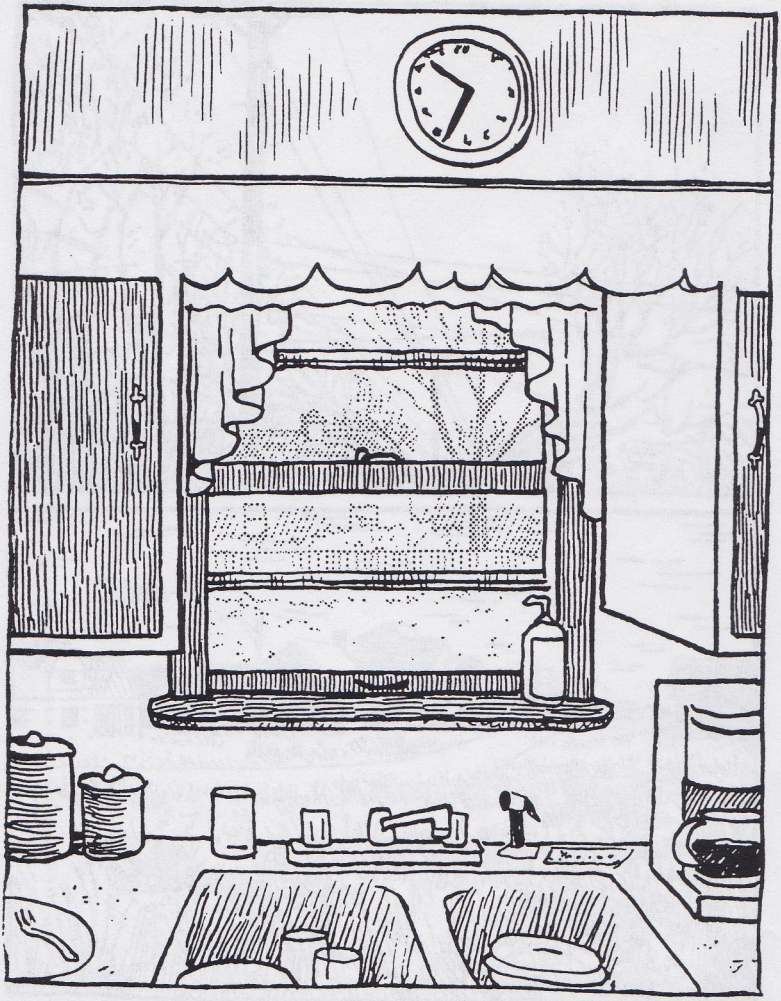

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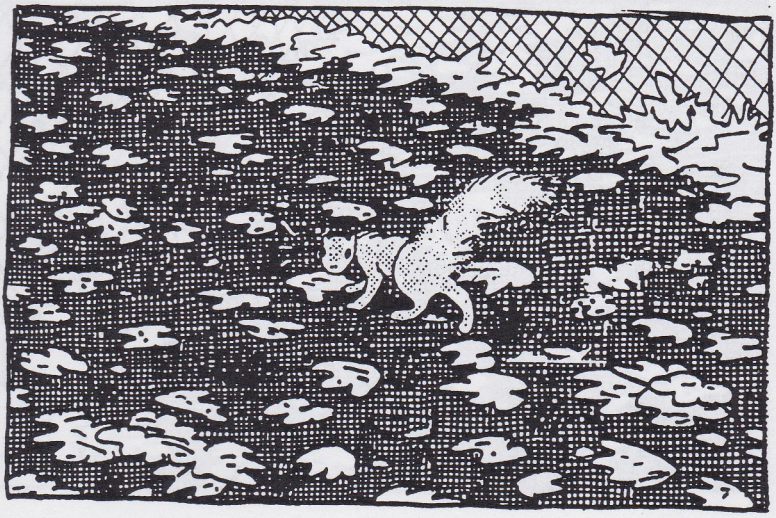

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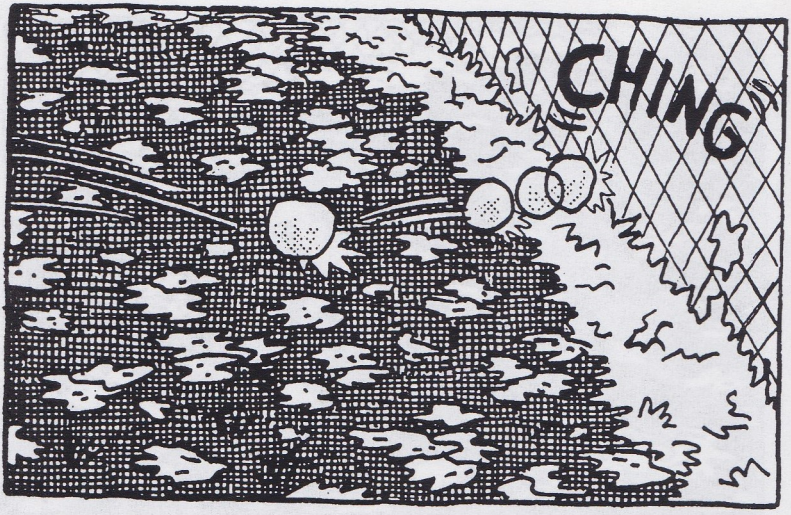
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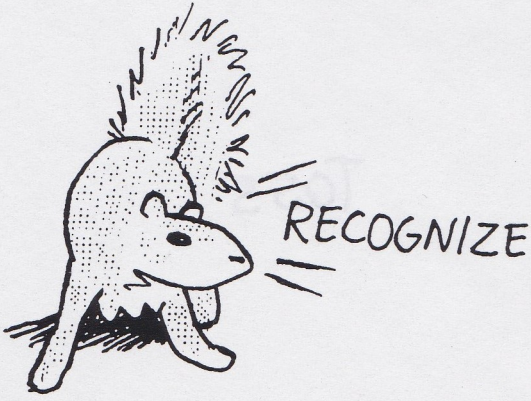
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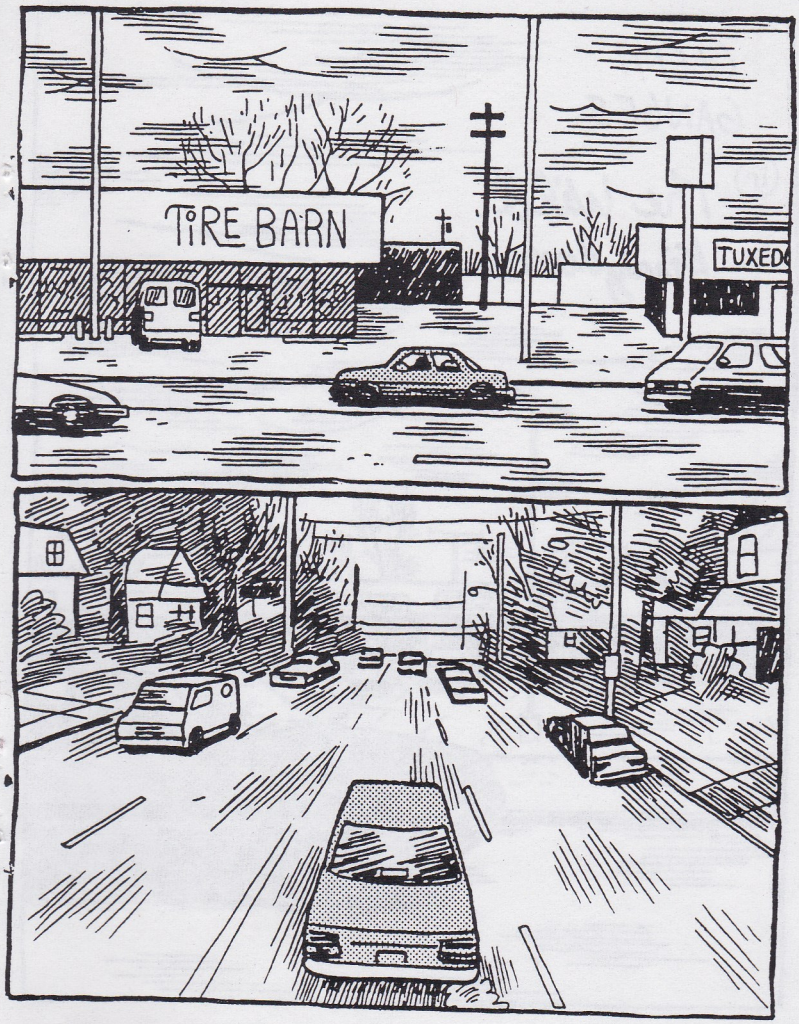
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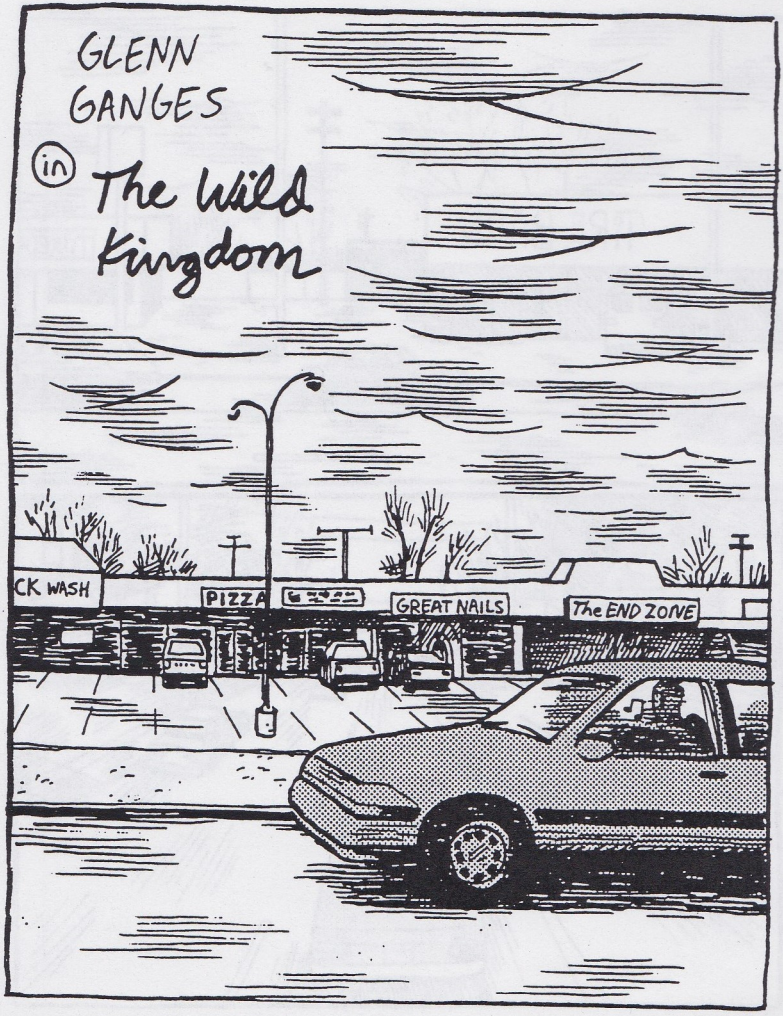
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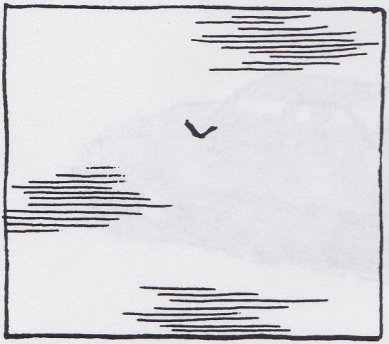

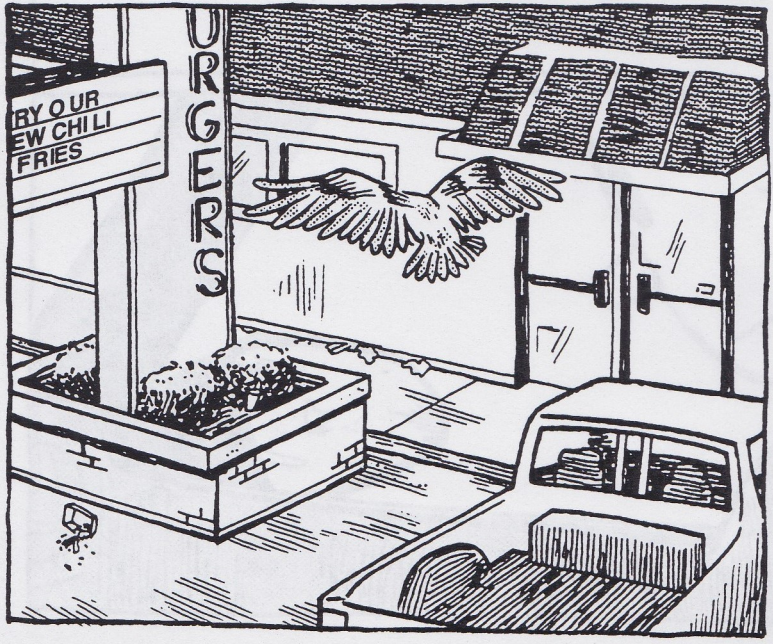

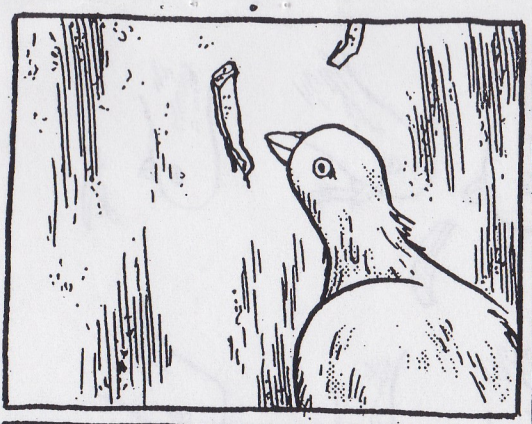

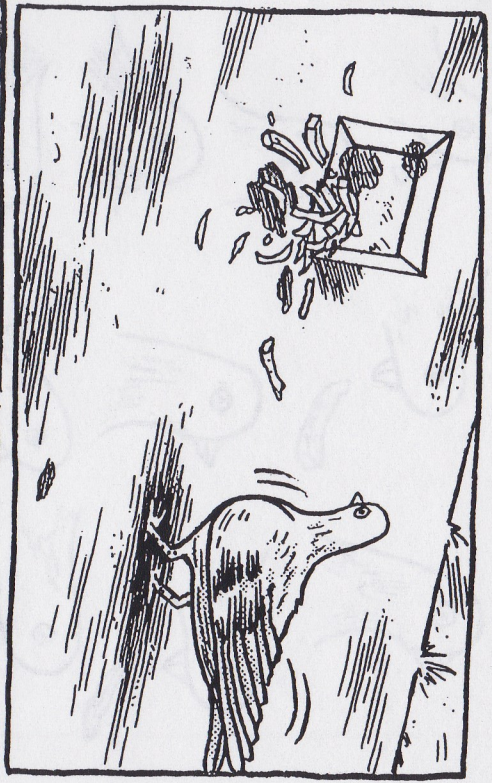

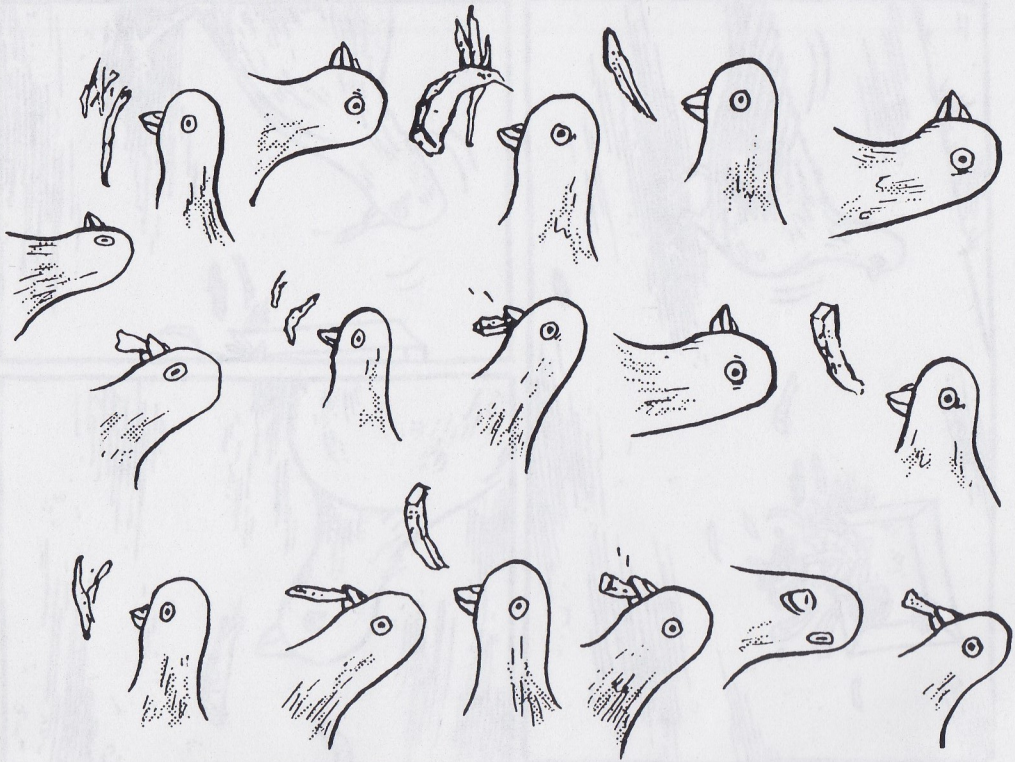

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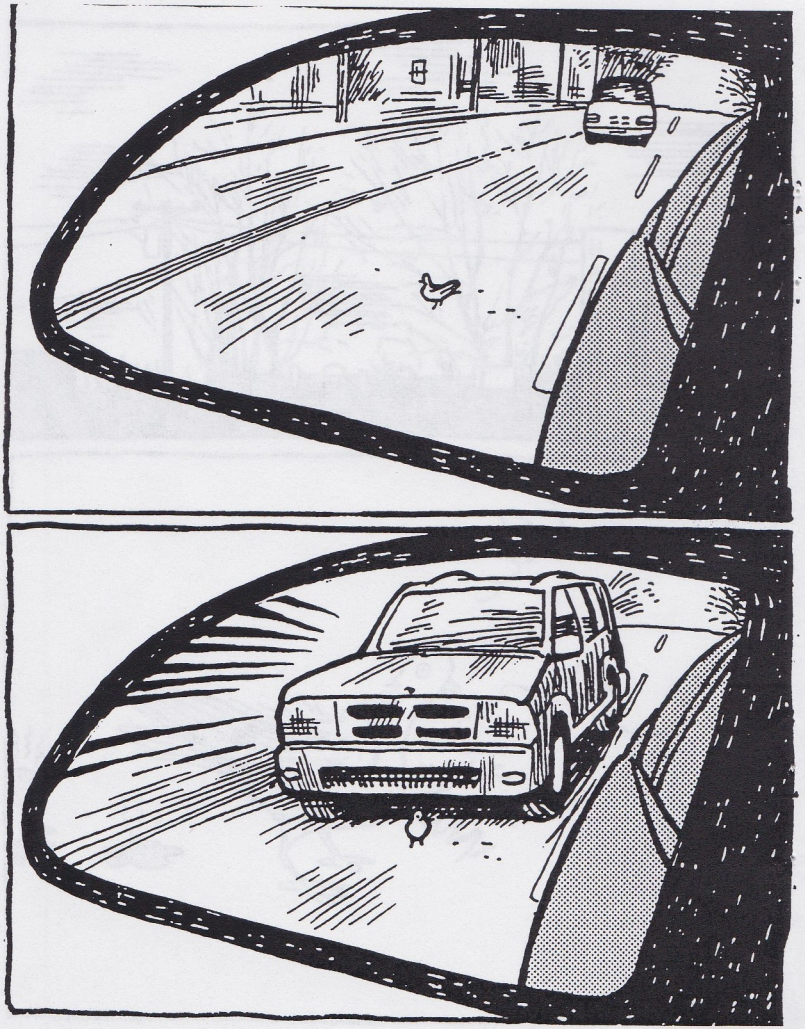
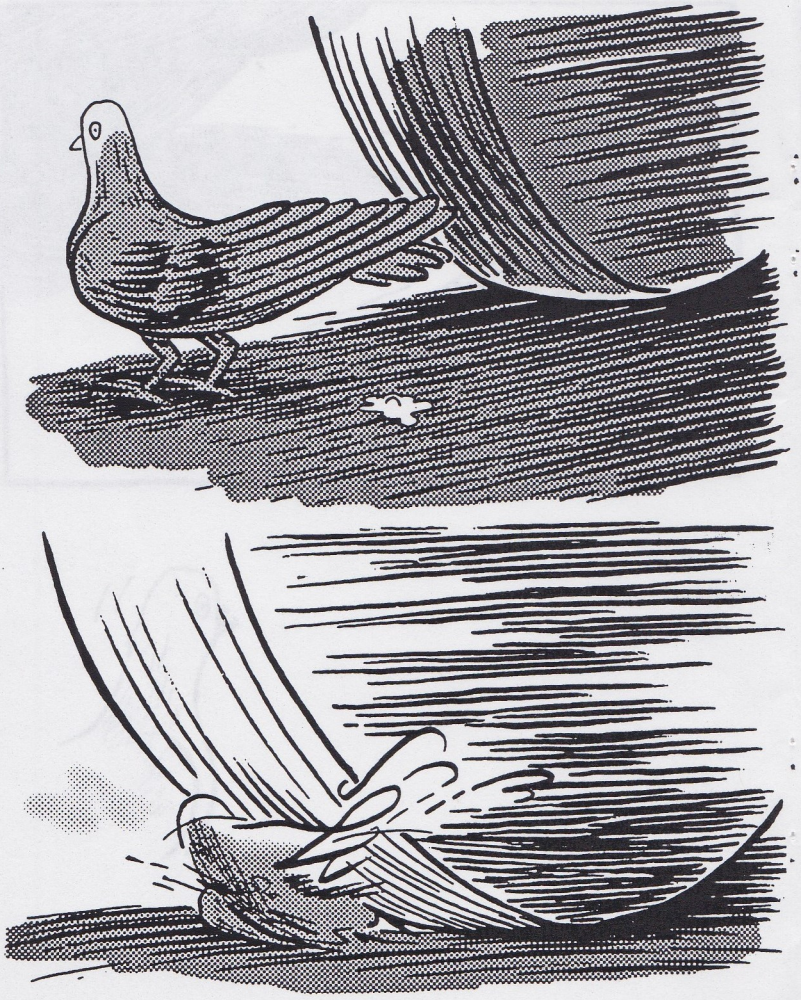
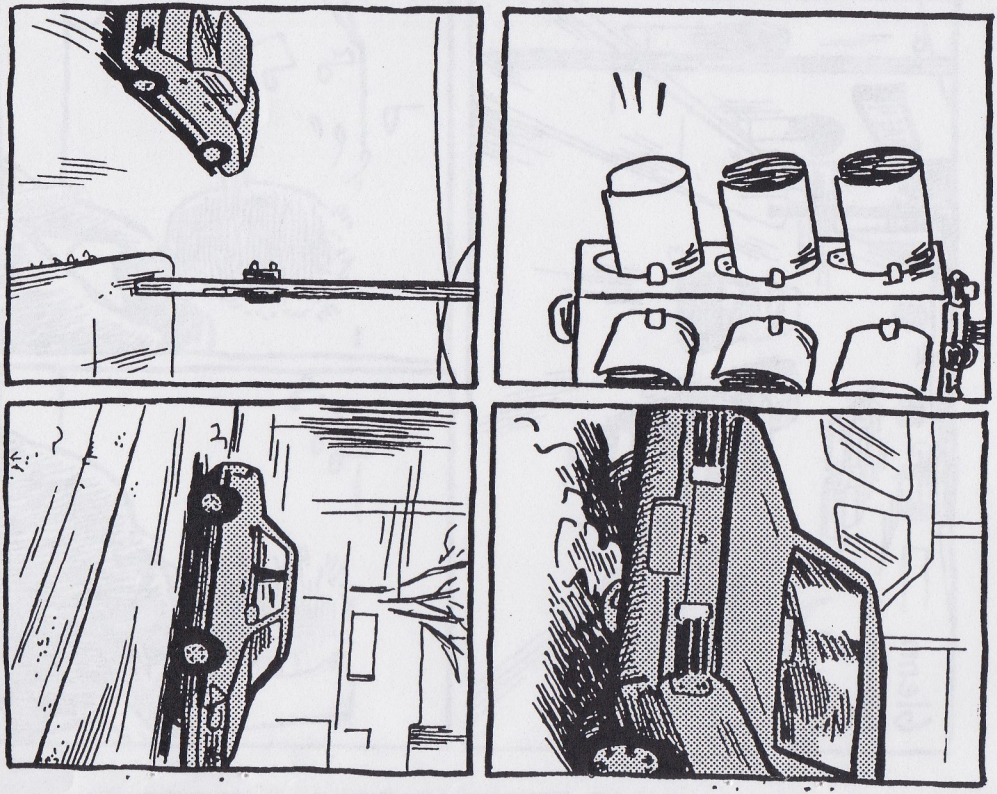




Glenn Ganges:
"Wild Kingdom"



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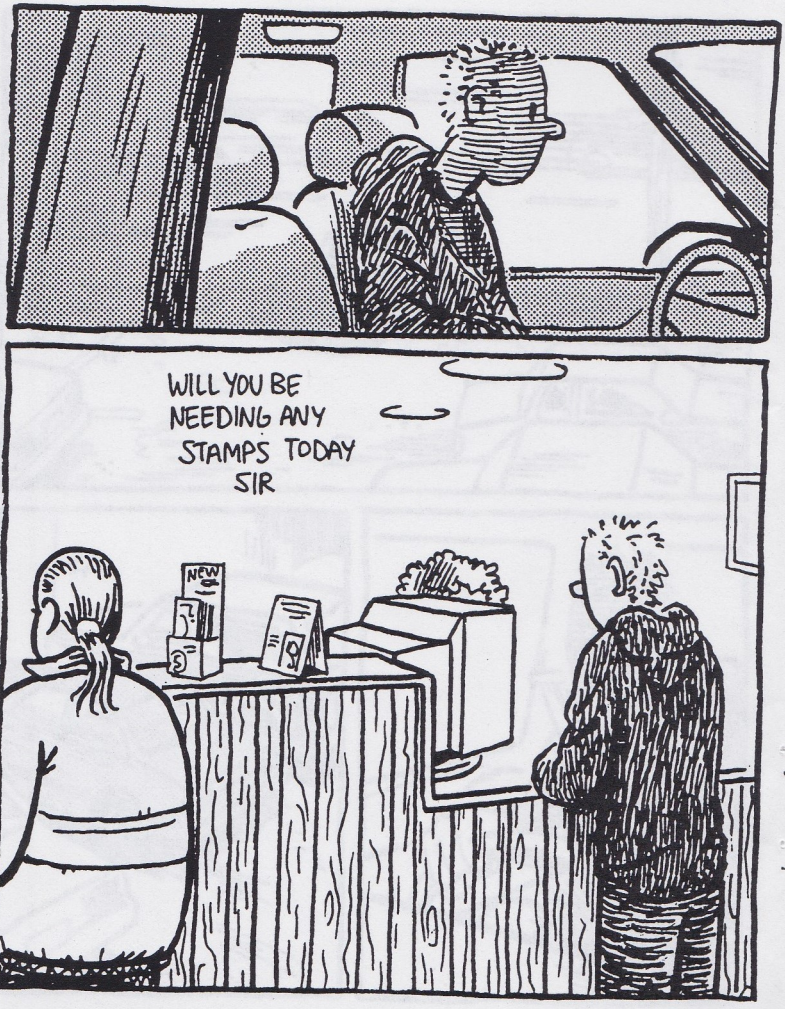
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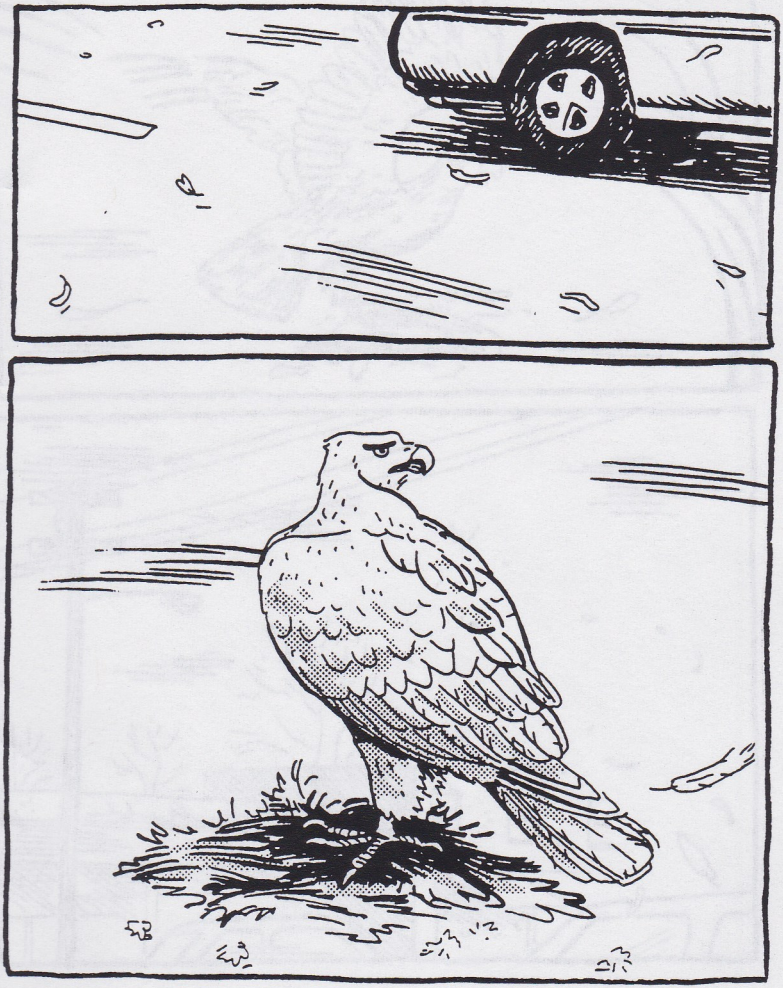

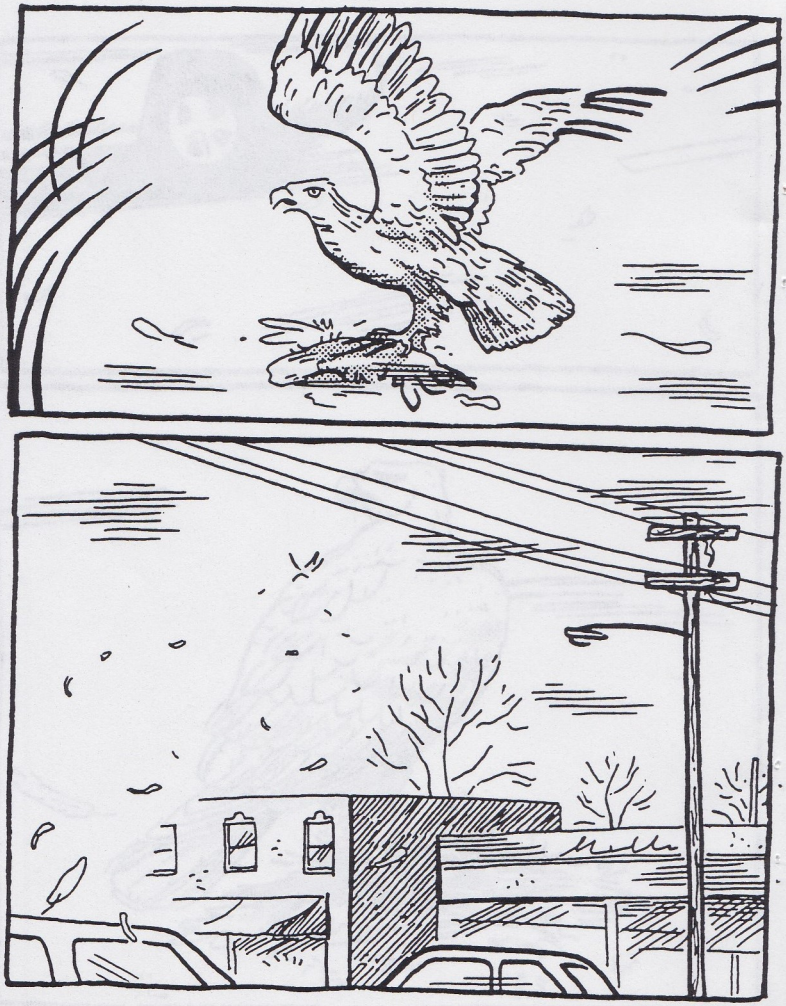

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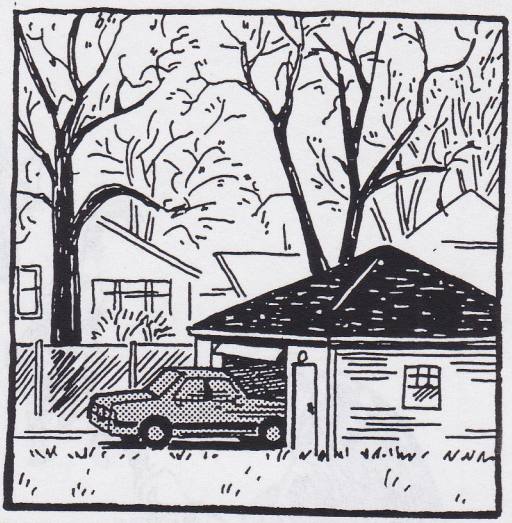

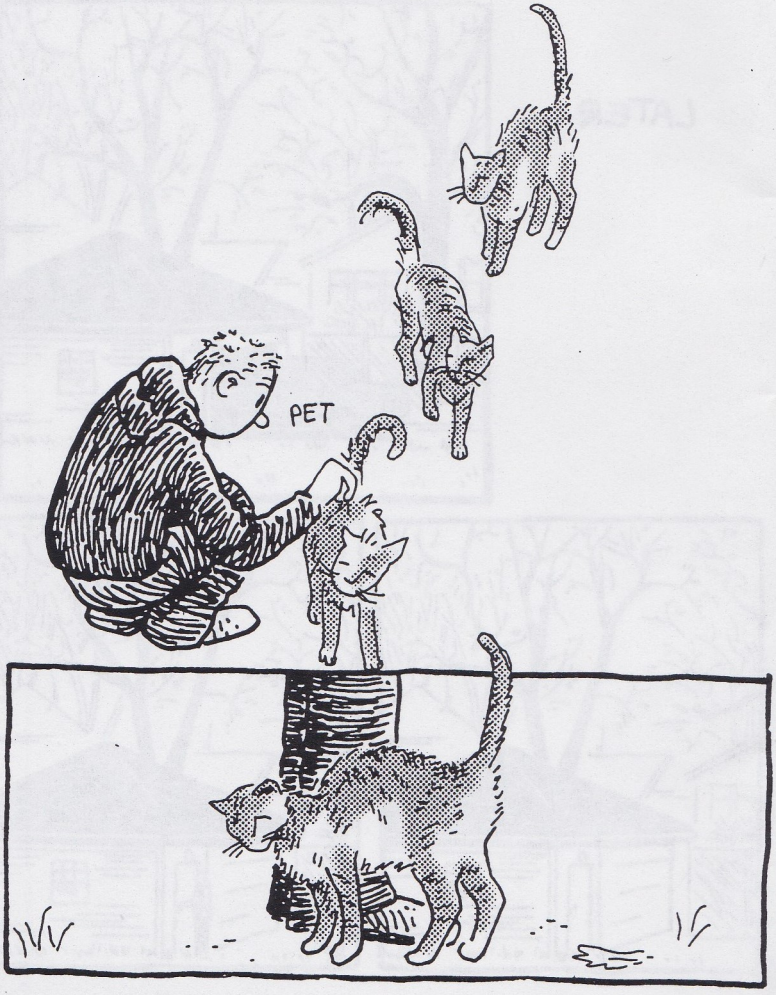
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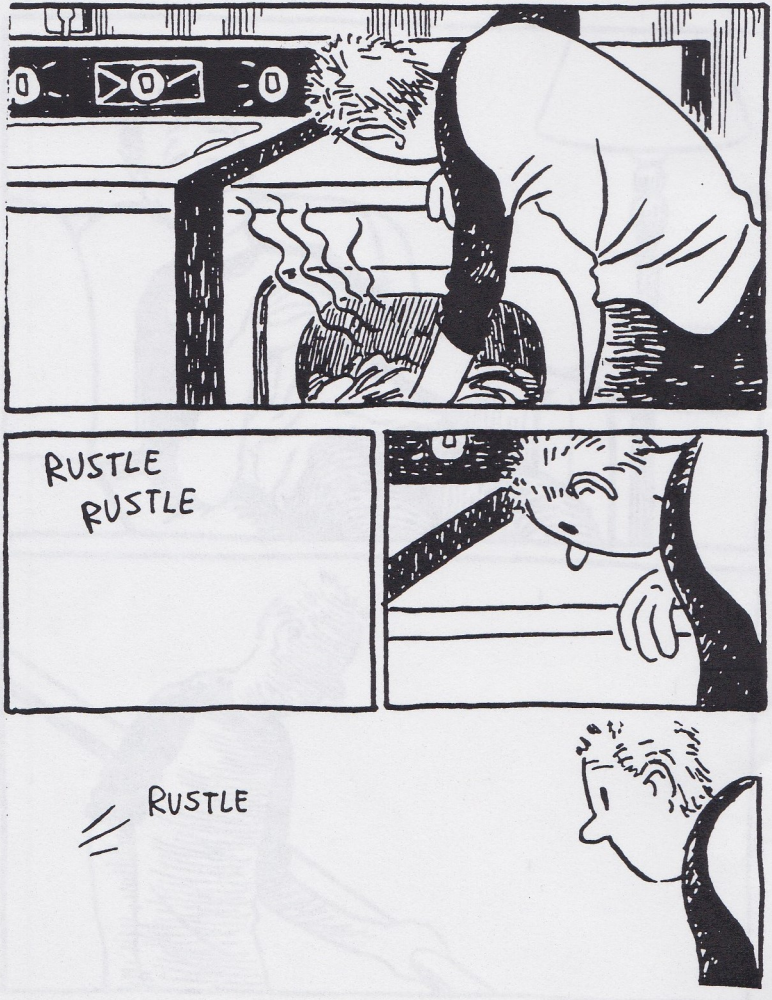
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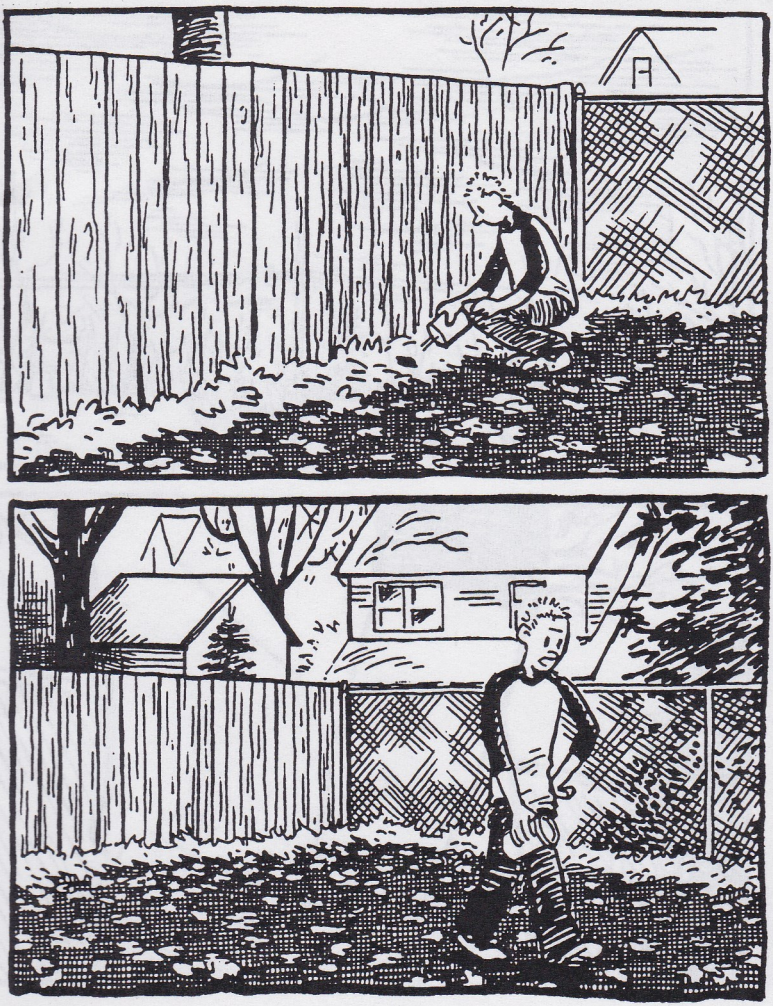

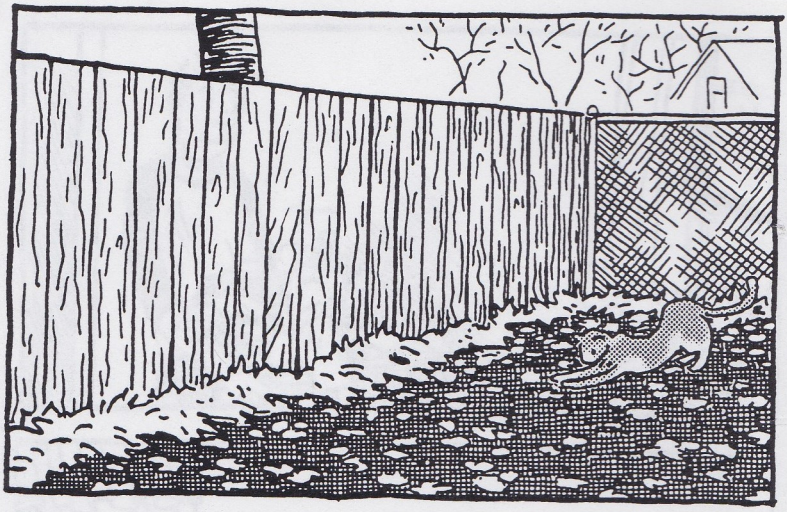

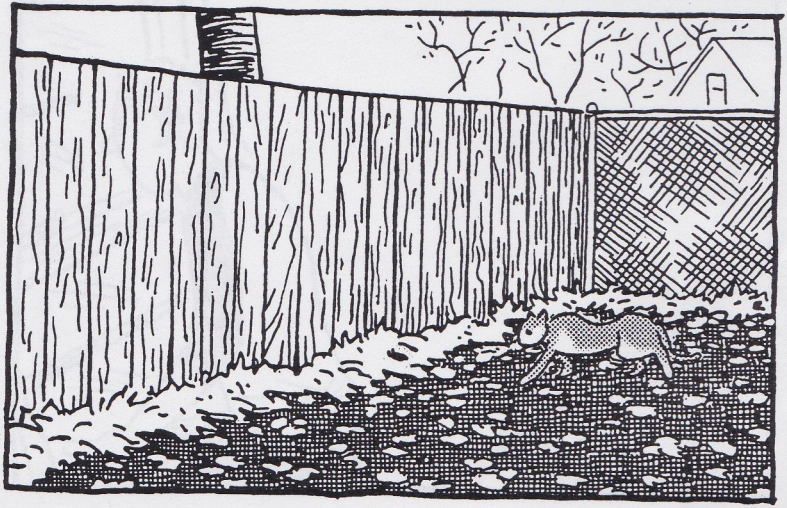

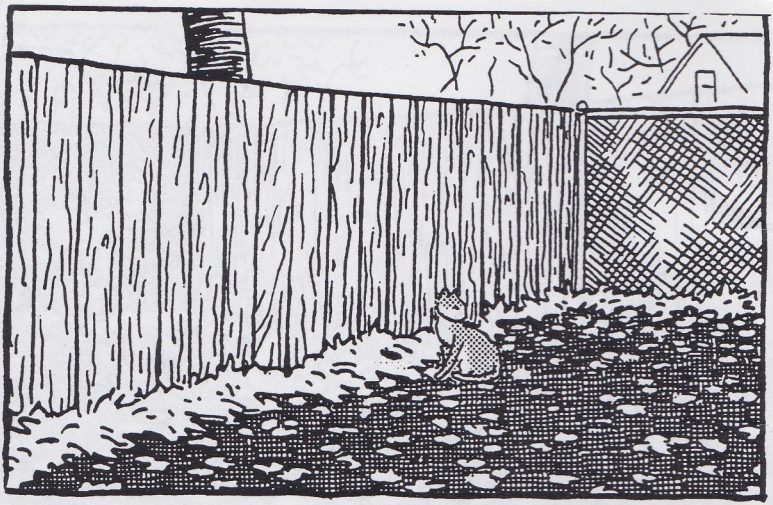

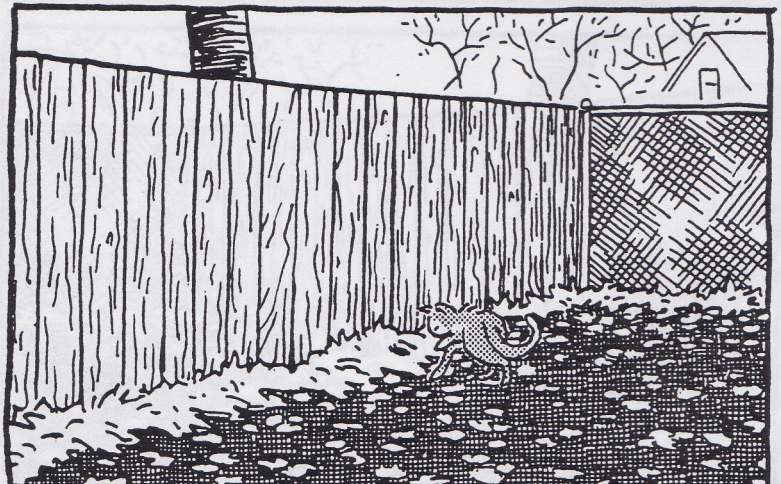

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